



General Assembly

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Raised Bill No. 1047

LCO No. 3888

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Referred to Committee on Public Health

Introduced by:
(PH)

AN ACT CONCERNING SELF-REFERRAL FOR IMAGING SERVICES.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective October 1, 2009*) (a) A practitioner of the
2 healing arts, as defined in section 20-1 of the general statutes, shall not
3 charge, bill or otherwise solicit payment from any patient, client,
4 customer or responsible third-party payor for performance of the
5 technical component of computerized axial tomography, positron
6 emission tomography or magnetic resonance imaging diagnostic
7 imaging services if such services were not actually rendered by such
8 practitioner of the healing arts or a person under his or her direct
9 supervision. For purposes of this section, "responsible third-party
10 payor" means any person or entity who is responsible for payment of
11 computerized axial tomography, positron emission tomography or
12 magnetic resonance imaging diagnostic imaging services provided to a
13 patient.

14 (b) Radiological facilities or imaging centers performing the
15 technical component of computerized axial tomography, positron
16 emission tomography or magnetic resonance imaging diagnostic

17 imaging services shall directly bill either the patient or the responsible
18 third-party payor for such services. Radiological facilities or imaging
19 centers shall not bill a practitioner of the healing arts who requests
20 such services.

21 (c) A violation of this section shall be deemed an unfair or deceptive
22 trade practice under subsection (a) of section 42-110b of the general
23 statutes.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
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Section 1	<i>October 1, 2009</i>	New section
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Statement of Purpose:

To reduce health care costs by imposing tighter controls with respect to self-referrals by practitioners of the healing arts.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]